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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 924**

**Introduced by Senator Karnette**

February 21, 2003

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An act to add *and repeal* Chapter 4.8 (commencing with Section 2195) ~~to~~ of Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 924, as amended, Karnette. ~~California Freight Advisory Commission~~ *Global Gateways Development Council*.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways. Existing law requires the department to engage in various transportation planning activities, including activities related to identification of intermodal corridors of economic significance.

This bill, *until January 1, 2011*, would create the ~~California Freight Advisory Commission~~ *Global Gateways Development Council* in state government, *with 8 members appointed by the Legislature*, in order to *review and collect data and information about important concerns concerning the needs of commercial transportation and to study and review the impact of state, regional, and local transportation plans for their impact on commercial transportation. The commission would consist of 21 members and would* and to advise the Legislature, the department, the California Transportation Commission, and regional transportation planning agencies ~~on those needs and would recommend projects to address those needs in that regard~~. The bill would require the

~~commission~~ *council* to report *annually* to the Legislature ~~on various matters and the Governor on the condition of California's goods movement transportation system~~ and would authorize the ~~commission~~ *council* to accept grants from various sources ~~in order to hire~~. *The bill would also authorize the council to employ support staff.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

3 (a) In August 2000, the Legislature approved Senate  
4 Concurrent Resolution 96 which requested that the Business,  
5 Transportation and Housing Agency and the Department of  
6 Transportation report to the Legislature about the status of  
7 California's global trade infrastructure.

8 (b) Pursuant to SCR 96, the Business, Transportation and  
9 Housing Agency, in January 2002, released a plan for enhancing  
10 California's commercial transportation infrastructure entitled  
11 "Global Gateways Development Program."

12 (c) The Global Gateways Development Program report states  
13 that "improving goods movement is critical to the California  
14 economy, where more than one in seven jobs is tied to trade and  
15 the value of international trade exceeds \$350 billion annually" and  
16 "goods movement is an economic and transportation priority that  
17 requires concerted action."

18 (d) Many other states have created single-state or multistate  
19 freight advisory boards or commissions intended to improve  
20 communication between commercial transportation industry  
21 leaders and transportation decisionmakers with regard to funding  
22 and project challenges concerning commercial transportation,  
23 including Oregon and Washington.

24 (e) In order to ensure that California's commercial  
25 transportation infrastructure continues to meet the needs of *the*  
26 California state, national and international trade economy, the  
27 state must facilitate coordination and cooperation between the  
28 commercial transportation industry and transportation  
29 decisionmakers at all levels of government.



SEC. 2. Chapter 4.8 (commencing with Section 2195) is added to Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

CHAPTER 4.8. ~~CALIFORNIA FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMISSION~~  
*GLOBAL GATEWAYS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL*

2195. (a) There is hereby created in state government the ~~California Freight Advisory Commission~~ *Global Gateways Development Council*. ~~The purpose of the commission shall be to collect information about important commercial transportation needs and to advise the Legislature, department, the California Transportation Commission, and regional transportation planning agencies in that regard, and to recommend projects to the appropriate agencies that will address those needs.~~

(b) ~~The commission shall study and review state, regional, and local transportation plans for their impact on commercial transportation. The commission shall report to the Legislature on the condition of California's commercial transportation infrastructure and develop a business plan no later than January 1, 2005, with an updated annual report to be submitted to the Legislature by December 1 of each subsequent year. The annual report may also be provided to agencies, entities, or individuals. Each report shall contain a section updating infrastructure improvements or policy changes pursuant to the department's Global Gateways Development Program.~~

(c) ~~Not later than January 1, 2007, the commission shall report to the Legislature on the efficacy of developing a state supported freight advisory entity.~~

(d) ~~purpose of the council shall be to review and collect data and to advise the Legislature, the department, the California Transportation Commission, and regional transportation planning agencies concerning the needs of commercial transportation in California. The activities of the council are intended to contribute to maintaining the state's strategic advantage through improved decisionmaking and prudent and adequate investment. The council shall report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the condition of California's goods movement transportation system.~~

(b) ~~The commission~~ *council* may accept grants from federal, state, or local public agencies, or from private sources, in order to

1 assist it in carrying out its duties and functions under this chapter.  
2 ~~The commission shall employ one full-time commission director~~  
3 ~~and may also~~ *council may* employ support staff. State offices,  
4 departments, or agencies may provide staff to assist with  
5 ~~commission assistance regarding council~~ activities.

6 ~~2195.1. (a) The California Freight Advisory Commission~~  
7 ~~shall consist of 15 voting members and six ex-officio members.~~

8 ~~(b) (1) The Senate Committees on Rules shall appoint eight~~  
9 ~~voting members, including a representative of the maritime~~  
10 ~~industry, a representative of a major railroad company, a~~  
11 ~~representative of a major California seaport, a representative of a~~  
12 ~~major retail firm that engages in substantial commercial~~  
13 ~~transportation activity, a representative of a multimodal freight~~  
14 ~~shipping company, a representative from a commercial~~  
15 ~~transportation labor organization and two at-large representatives~~  
16 ~~from other sectors of commercial transportation.~~

17 ~~(2) The Assembly Rules Committee shall appoint seven voting~~  
18 ~~members, including a representative of the trucking industry, a~~  
19 ~~representative of a major railroad company, a representative of the~~  
20 ~~California Short Line Railroad Association, a representative of a~~  
21 ~~retail firm that engages in substantial commercial transportation~~  
22 ~~activity, a representative of a California airport that engages in~~  
23 ~~substantial commercial activity and two at-large representatives~~  
24 ~~from other sectors of commercial transportation.~~

25 ~~(3) Each voting member shall serve a term of two years and~~  
26 ~~may be reappointed to additional terms.~~

27 ~~(c) The ex-officio members shall be the following: the~~  
28 ~~Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency or~~  
29 ~~his or her designee, the Director of Transportation or his or her~~  
30 ~~designee, the chairperson of the California Transportation~~  
31 ~~Commission or his or her designee, a Member of the State Senate~~  
32 ~~appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, a Member of the~~  
33 ~~State Assembly appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and the~~  
34 ~~chief executive officer of a regional transportation planning~~  
35 ~~agency.~~

36 *2195.1. The Global Gateways Development Council shall*  
37 *consist of eight members. The Senate Committee on Rules and the*  
38 *Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint four members to the*  
39 *council. The appointees shall be representatives of the commercial*  
40 *transportation sector and shall include, but not be limited to,*

1 *representatives of the maritime industry, the rail industry, the*  
2 *trucking industry, seaports, multimodal shipping firms, and*  
3 *commercial transportation labor organizations. The council may*  
4 *appoint an advisory group comprised of representatives of the*  
5 *commercial transportation sector to assist with activities of the*  
6 *council.*

7 2195.2. Members of the ~~California Freight Advisory~~  
8 ~~Commission~~ *Global Gateways Development Council and the*  
9 *advisory group shall receive no reimbursement for per diem or*  
10 *travel.*

11 2195.3. *This chapter shall remain in effect only until January*  
12 *1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted*  
13 *statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends*  
14 *that date.*

